

Prohibition in the State

165. SRI H. N. NANJE GOWDA (Arkalgud).—

Will the Minister for Finance and Planning be pleased to state :—
the reasons for enforcing prohibition in few taluks and scrapping it in the rest of the State ?

A.—SRI RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE (Minister for Finance and Planning).—

The views of the legislators generally.

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE *re*: SUPPLY OF ADDITIONAL QUOTA OF WHEAT AND WHEAT PRODUCTS TO CHIKMAGALUR DISTRICT.

SRI M. MALLAPPA (Birur).—I beg to call the attention of the Minister for Food and Civil Supplies regarding immediate supply of additional quota of Wheat and Wheat products to Chikmagalur District.

9.30 A.M.

SRI B. D. JATTI (Minister for Food and Civil Supplies).—The Hon'ble Member from Chickmagalur District has called attention to certain difficulties faced by the people in Chickmagalur District due to failure of timely rains and crops, and for supply of additional quotas of wheat and products to the District.

The entire District of Chickmagalur has not been affected due to failure of timely rains. Certain tracts in the Taluks of Chickmagalur, Kadur and Tarikere are reported to have been affected by adverse seasonal conditions.

The Hon'ble Members are aware that the State is marginally deficit in foodgrains. Wheat is not locally grown in substantial quantities in the State. It is being allotted by Government of India out of the imports from outside the country. The allotments of wheat by the Government of India to the State stood at a very high level in 1966 and Chickmagalur District was allotted 1,000 tonnes of wheat every month upto the end of November 1966. Thereafter, the allotment from the Government of India was sharply scaled down from time to time and the present allotment of wheat to the State is about 4,000 tonnes per month. Consequently the allotment to every District in the State, including Chickmagalur District, has been reduced. A quantity of 65 tonnes of wheat was allotted every month from May, 1967 and this is being maintained. With regard to Wheat Products